

- Through innovative and diverse models of long-term integrated cooperation, the European Universities initiative promotes common European values and a strengthened European identity, and supports the higher education institutions to make a substantial leap in quality, performance, attractiveness and international competitiveness.
- The 2022 Erasmus+ European Universities call for proposals closed on 22 March.
- Following the call deadline, 52 proposals have been received in total (eligibility check still to be performed) for the two topics distributed as follows:
- **21 applications** for Topic 1 “Intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation”, with 144 full partners involved
- **31 applications** for Topic 2 “Development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation”, with 208 full partners involved
- In total, the call attracted around 350 higher education institutions covering 33 EU Member States and third countries associated to the Erasmus+ programme. This demonstrates that the higher education community remains intensively mobilised for the roll-out of the European Universities initiative to support systemic, structural and sustainable transnational cooperation among diverse higher education institutions across Europe.
- The objective set in the [European strategy for universities](#) is to reach 60 European Universities involving around 500 higher education institutions by mid-2024.